

## **Assembly Bill No. 257**

### **CHAPTER 129**

An act to amend Section 5011.5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 257, Anderson. Parks: veterans: park passes.

Existing law requires that a veteran, as defined, of any war, as defined, in which the United States has been, or may be engaged, who is a resident of this state, upon presentation to the Department of Parks and Recreation of proof of disability or proof of being held captive as a prisoner of war and of an honorable discharge from service, upon application therefor and payment of a fee of \$3.50, be issued a pass entitling the bearer to the use of all facilities, including boat launching facilities, in units of the state park system.

This bill would eliminate the fee requirement for these park passes, and would additionally make a veteran who is a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor eligible for a pass.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 5011.5 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5011.5. (a) A veteran of a war in which the United States has been, or may be engaged, who is a resident of this state, upon presentation to the department of proof of disability, proof of being held captive as a prisoner of war, or proof of being a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor, and proof of an honorable discharge from service, upon application therefor, shall be issued a pass entitling the bearer to the use of all facilities, including boat launching facilities, in units of the state park system.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Veteran" means a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability, or who was held as a prisoner of war by forces hostile to the United States, as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who was honorably discharged from service.

(2) "War" means that period of time commencing when Congress declares war or when the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged in active military operations against a foreign power, whether or not war has been

formally declared, and ending upon the termination of hostilities as proclaimed by the President of the United States.

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